

day of a cold which I am hopeful that it is no longer contagious.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4070, the Social Security Program Protection Act of 2002. I urge my colleagues to support this badly needed measure.

Every year, Social Security provides benefits to over 50 million retired and disabled workers, their families and SSI recipients. Of this total, more than 7 million are beneficiaries who cannot manage their own financial affairs and have a "Representative Payee" appointed to guard their monthly benefits.

While the majority of these arrangements are above board, a significant number are subject to fraud and abuse. In these cases, the beneficiary is being cheated out of their Social Security income, which they desperately need, and the taxpayers are being cheated by government funds being diverted to unauthorized recipients.

This legislation protects vulnerable beneficiaries by tightening oversight and regulation of the "Representative Payee" system. Penalties for the misuse of the system are enhanced, and new regulations governing who is eligible for a "Representative Payee" status are further qualified by prohibiting anyone convicted and imprisoned for more than one year from serving in this capacity. Moreover, this measure permits the reissuance of benefits to individuals who have been cheated by their "Representative Payee," and further directs that the recovery of misused benefits from those persons may be undertaken.

This measure also makes a number of modifications to shore up the integrity of the Social Security system by denying benefits to fugitive felons, imposing penalties on recipients who fail to notify SSA of any change in their status and clarifies which attorneys the SS commissioner may refuse to recognize in the handling of specific cases.

Mr. Speaker, this measure helps protect the interests of those who are unable to manage their financial affairs, including their Social Security benefits. In doing this, it addresses an unmet need. Accordingly, I strongly support its passage.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Social Security Program Protection Act of 2002.

This legislation gives the Social Security Administration the enhanced tools it needs to help fight fraud and abuse activities that drain program resources and undermine the financial security of beneficiaries.

This legislation also helps individuals with disabilities gain access to representation to help them navigate through complex application process to receive benefit.

Preliminary CBO estimates show this legislation saves the budget \$534 million over 10 years.

The program protections and improvements in this bill are bipartisan and have the support of the Federal Bar Association, the Association of Administrative Law Judges, and the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives.

I am saddened that the minority has spent today in the same manner they usually choose to spend very other October: scaring our senior citizens.

It is easy for the minority to sit back and cry foul, but I would ask all of my colleagues the following questions: has the minority done

anything but misrepresent our plans to save Social Security?

Have they come to the table with any serious ideas themselves on how to save the program?

The answer to this question, regrettably, is "no."

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4070, the Social Security Program Protection Act of 2002. This legislation provides needed safeguards for the over 6 million Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries who cannot manage their own financial affairs and need a "representative Payee." I fully support increased oversight of Representative Payees to prevent abuse, and the mis-allocation of taxpayer money. I also agree with this bill's provision that allows for the re-issuance of benefit payments that have been taken from the rightful beneficiaries and the recovery of these funds from unscrupulous Representative Payees.

I want to underscore the importance of one of the items in the bill's final section containing miscellaneous and technical provisions. This is the provision that improves the effectiveness of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. It will ensure that employers who hire individuals with disabilities through referral by an employer network also qualify for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. Americans with disabilities experience an unemployment rate of 70 percent, and we must do everything in our power to make sure that incentives exist to open the doors of opportunity wider to these individuals.

Finally, I want to draw attention to this bill's provision that disqualifies those who have been convicted and imprisoned more than a year from serving as Representative Payees. The bill also allows the Commissioner of Social Security to exercise judgment in determining cases where certain ex-offenders may be certified as Representative Payees despite this prohibition. While we must do everything possible to protect Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries from being taken advantage of by unscrupulous individuals, we also must not unjustly condemn ex-offenders who have paid their dues and need to re-gain their ability to participate fully in society.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDEBER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4070, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the subject of H.R. 4070, the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

COMMENDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROOFING PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN REBUILDING OF PENTAGON

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 424) commending the patriotic contributions of the roofing professionals who replaced, at no cost to the Federal Government, the section of the Pentagon's slate roof that was destroyed as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 424

Whereas the damage to the Pentagon that resulted from the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001, included the destruction of more than an acre of the Pentagon's slate roof;

Whereas roofing professionals from throughout the United States, mostly from small businesses, volunteered to work together to replace the destroyed section of the Pentagon's roof;

Whereas these roofing professionals donated approximately \$450,000 worth of labor and materials to the replacement effort; and

Whereas these roofing professionals successfully replaced 60,000 square feet of the Pentagon's slate roof before September 11, 2002, and at no cost to the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress commends the patriotic contributions of the roofing professionals who replaced, at no cost to the Federal Government, the section of the Pentagon's slate roof that was destroyed as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 424.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 424, introduced by my distinguished colleagues, the gentleman

from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ), honors the hard work of the roofers who helped rebuild the Pentagon in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

Mr. Speaker, September 11 is etched in our minds for all time. That terrible day brought destruction and cast a dark shadow over the entire country and world. In the midst of those acts of evil, the Pentagon was severely damaged. Over the past several months, this body has acknowledged and thanked those who have helped rebuild New York and the Pentagon in so many ways following the terrorist attacks.

Today we recognize the diligent work of the roofing professionals, mostly small businesses, who have banded together to volunteer their time, labor and materials worth one-half million dollars to rebuild the section of roof destroyed in the attack on the Pentagon. The fire from the attack ruined more than one acre of slate roofing over the Pentagon in addition to the section of structure that was damaged. Today, the full 20,000 square foot area of roof over the Pentagon now has replacement slate. They completed this work before the deadline at no cost to the taxpayers.

The House commends the patriotic and generous contributions these roofing professionals have made to the rebuilding of the Pentagon.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the roofing professionals who volunteered their time and effort to repair the roof of the Pentagon following the September 11 terrorist attack.

Mr. Speaker, the Pentagon was struck by a horrible act of terrorism on September 11, 2001. One hundred twenty-five employees at the Pentagon and 64 hostages on Flight 77 perished as a result of the terrorist attack that day. The attack also resulted in the destruction of more than an acre of the Pentagon's slate roof. The renovation effort, known as the Phoenix Project, is under way to restore the damaged portion of the Pentagon and is pushing to have the Pentagon personnel back to work in that portion of the building by September 11, 2002.

Contributing to this effort were roofing professionals from throughout the United States, mostly from small, family-owned businesses who volunteered to work together to replace the destroyed section of the Pentagon's roof. These hard-working Americans donated approximately a half million dollars in materials and labor to the replacement effort and successfully replaced 60,000 square feet of the Pentagon's roof at no cost to the American taxpayers who have already shared a large burden of the emotional and financial costs of September 11. The

completion of this project reflects the spirit that we as Americans can work together, rise from the ashes and overcome any obstacle.

I commend those who have come forth with this resolution. I urge its support.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO).

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 424, a resolution commending those small businesses and family-owned enterprises in the roofing industry who donated their time and resources to help complete the reconstruction of the portion of the Pentagon roof damaged or destroyed by the terrorist attacks on September 11. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the many volunteers for the patriotic work and to acknowledge the National Roofing Contractors Association which organized these efforts.

The Pentagon Project, as it was called, was the brainchild of John and Kimberly Francis who are co-owners of a family-run roofing contracting company in Falls Church, Virginia. Searching for something they could offer in response to the attacks, they approached the National Roofing Contractors Association with the idea of assembling a volunteer force of small businesses in the roofing industry to raise the needed cash, material and manpower to rebuild the approximately 60,000 square feet of damaged roof. Small business volunteers from around the country offered to come to Washington to help fix the roof or donated supplies for the project. The result: Less than 9 months after the attack, these volunteers have completed their work and restored a symbol of American power and resolve.

This resolution honors their success, determination and patriotism. It recognizes their eagerness to step forward and contribute in a meaningful way to America's fight against terrorism and resolve to stand firm along the way.

On behalf of the American people, as well as the members of the Committee on Small Business, all of whom cosponsored this resolution, we offer our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and congratulations on a recognition well deserved.

I especially want to thank my colleague, the ranking minority member, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ), for her leadership in making sure that this resolution was authored, submitted and came to the floor today.

In fact, about 4 hours ago, we were at the Pentagon for a ceremony that honored these roofers. Sixty thousand square feet is a little over an acre and a half. It is a tremendous amount of roof. You could see the roofers still on the roof today. It must have been 130 degrees up there. This is what they wanted to do for America.

As people came together after September 11, these roofers realized that

they wanted to do something in a meaningful way. As they drive by the Pentagon every day, they can see that portion of the roof that they restored with no cost to the Federal Government because this is their contribution to making America great.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ), the ranking member of the Committee on Small Business.

(Ms. VELÁZQUEZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation. Less than 3 months before the anniversary of the worst act of terrorism in our history, a small group of volunteer small business professionals from across the country completed replacement of more than an acre of hard slate roof over the Pentagon. Earlier this morning, many of us participated in a ceremony at the Pentagon to recognize the work of these selfless Americans, and we are here again to thank them for their patriotic generosity.

Small businesses work for America. They anchor our communities and neighborhoods. They create three-fourths of all new jobs, employ half our workers and produce nearly half our GDP. They hauled us out of our last recession into the longest peacetime boom on record. They did it before, and they are doing it again.

But that is not all. When they lock up for the night, small business owners are out in the community, volunteering in school, coaching little league, donating their time and expertise to neighborhood improvement.

But even when it did not seem possible that small businesses could give any more, they did. When terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon on September 11, small businesses stepped forward to help. Leading the way were John and Kimberly Francis, owners of Northern Virginia Roofing in Falls Church, Virginia. After September 11, they joined millions of Americans in wanting to do something, to give something back.

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So when they learned of the extensive damage to the Pentagon's roof, they decided to volunteer their particular talents. They would give a new roof to the Pentagon.

Soon roofing professionals from across the country came to volunteer their time, labor, and materials, rebuilding more than an acre and a half of hard slate roof over the Pentagon. They flew in from all across the country to northern Virginia, they drove, they even brought campers to work on this project.

My colleagues might remember that this was not the best time if one was a small business to donate time on labor. The economy was in a recession and threatened to get worse. Americans

feared for their security and their jobs. Yet these roofers knew that they had a patriotic imperative and an historic opportunity to help heal this breach by doing what they do best. In our darkest moment, they were among our brightest lights.

Eight months later, \$450,000 in donated material and labor have had their desired effect. A professional army of volunteers have given a roof to the Pentagon at no charge to the Federal Government or the American taxpayer.

I hope every Member of this body is inspired by the story of these selfless professionals. Whenever they drive by the Pentagon and see the rapid rebuilding and the work crews on the job day and night, they will see a symbol standing for all that America's small businesses have done for this country. Small businesses not only rebuilt the Pentagon, they rebuilt our resolve. For that and for so much else, we thank them.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work, not just on the resolution but giving small businesses the support they needed to accomplish this great fete: Staff Director Michael Day, Mary Ellen Ardonney, Wendy Belzer and James Snyder.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I commend the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) for introducing this resolution and working so hard to ensure its passage. I thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), the House Committee on Government Reform chairman; the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), ranking member; the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), the chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Civil Service, Census and Agency Organization, for expediting the consideration of this resolution.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this resolution to commend the extraordinary generosity and patriotism of the professional roofers who helped rebuild the Pentagon.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the patriotic contributions of the local roofing companies in Northern Virginia especially who donated labor, money, and supplies, which nationally totaled about half a million dollars, to rebuild the section of the Pentagon's slate roof that was destroyed on September 11. I am proud that the push for the roofing companies to volunteer their time and

effort and money originated with an idea by a roofing company in my district, Northern Virginia Roofing.

Northern Virginia Roofing is a husband and wife company located in Falls Church. They approached the National Roofing Contractors Association a week after the attacks, right after the attack, and said they wanted to contribute to the recovery effort of the Pentagon. The Association then approached the Defense Department, which gladly accepted the idea of giving the Pentagon a new roof.

Even though it has been more than 8 months since those tragic events of September 11, I am still constantly amazed, as I know my colleagues are, by the acts of heroism and patriotism displayed by the American people. This clear act of unselfishness by these roofing companies sends a clear message to the world that our resolve cannot be diminished. The attacks of September 11 have not weakened the United States and the American spirit. Our core values of freedom and democracy are certainly still intact.

Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member of Congress to support this resolution, and I am sure they will, which not only commends the roofing companies who are working around the clock to rebuild a severely damaged Pentagon, but it is also a testament to the American spirit.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have no further request for time, and in closing I would commend again the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Small Business for the introduction of this resolution and certainly extend heartfelt appreciation to the family roofers who came together as small businesses to indicate that, when small businesses come together, they can tackle big problems and meet big needs. So I simply commend all of those who are in support of this resolution and urge its passage.

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in full support of this resolution commending the patriotic contributions of the roofing professionals who replaced the section of the Pentagon's slate roof destroyed by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

The sight of the smoke rising from the Pentagon that day was a vision caused by evil that I will never forget.

Since that time, many Americans have acted with hope and good will and without hesitation to help our Nation move forward from a time and place of tragedy.

Ken and Jared Schmitt of Rafter, Inc. in Dubuque, Iowa offered their time and talents to make a difference. Ken and Jared were among the roofing professionals who volunteered to help repair more than an acre of the Pentagon's slate roof. I had the honor of meeting with them during their stay in the Washington area.

Roofing professionals across the country donated approximately \$450,000 worth of labor and materials to the replacement effort at no cost to the Federal Government.

This resolution offers an opportunity for us to say thank you to those who did this work

out of their sense of duty and generosity. Ken and Jared deserve America's gratitude and respect. There is no question that they have mine.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 424.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

FRANK SINATRA POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3034) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3034

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FRANK SINATRA POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, and known as the Hoboken Main Post Office, shall be known and designated as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Frank Sinatra Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. SULLIVAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3034 now being considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3034, introduced by our distinguished colleague from New Jersey, designates the Post Office located in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the